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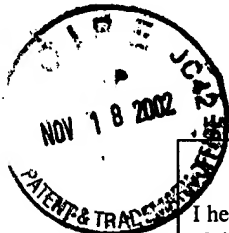
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The Amendment filed October 9, 2002 presented four amendments to the specification, one of which did not include the text of the entire paragraph that was to be amended. In this Response, the amendment to the specification corrects this deficiency by including the text of that entire paragraph. Since both the Notice and subsequent oral instructions from the Office (from Sonya M. Williams, Patent Analyst), indicated that Applicants are not required to resubmit the entire Amendment,